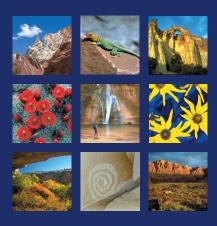
GRAND STAIRCASE **ESCALANTE**



NATIONAL MONUMENT

Visitor Information



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument spans nearly 1.9 million acres of America's public lands. From its spectacular Grand Staircase of cliffs and terraces, across the rugged Kaiparowits Plateau, to the wonders of the Escalante River Canyons, the Monument's size, resources, and remote character provide extraordinary opportunities for scientific research, education, and exploration.



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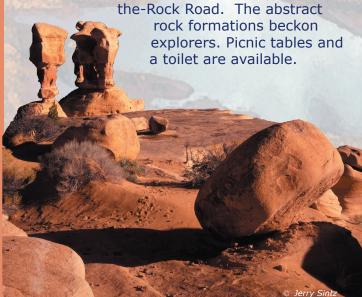
POINTS OF INTEREST

Paria Movie Set & Old Pahreah Town Site dramatically contrast the movie industry's portrayal of the Old West with the harsh realities of pioneer life during the late 1800s. Follow HWY 89 east of Kanab and turn off between milepost markers 31 & 32. Proceed north on a dirt road 5 miles to find re-creations of original Movie Set buildings. The Old Town Site is a 2-mile walk beyond the Movie Set. Please leave artifacts where you find them.

Grosvenor Arch is a unique double arch, located 13 miles southeast of Kodachrome Basin State Park, 1 mile off Cottonwood Road. A short, universally accessible trail leads visitors to this inspiring arch. Picnic tables and a toilet are available.

Calf Creek Recreation Area is located on Scenic HWY 12. It includes a campground with 13 sites, day-use facilities, and parking for trail access. The self-guided nature trail is 6 miles round-trip to the base of the spectacular 126-foot Lower Calf Creek Falls. Toilets, picnic tables, and water (May to September) are available. Day use and camping fees are collected. The parking lot is often full during high-use visitation periods such as holidays and weekends during the spring and fall.

Devils Garden is a geologic "garden" of domes, hoodoos, and arches, located 12 miles south of HWY 12 off Hole-in-



BE INFORMED

HIKING/BACKPACKING

opportunities are predominantly along unmarked routes. The Monument has very few developed trails. Most hiking routes are found in the Escalante Canyons and the Upper Paria drainage. The ideal time of year to hike is in the spring or fall.

CAMPFIRES in developed campgrounds are allowed only in fire

grates, fire pits, or fire pans. Fire pans are recommended in areas where dispersed camping is allowed. Wood collection is prohibited in developed campgrounds or along roads highlighted in light green on the reverse side map. Campfires are not allowed below the rims in the Escalante Canyons, Paria/Hackberry Canyons, or on No Mans Mesa. Campfires are prohibited in archaeological sites, rock shelters, or alcoves Monument-wide. Camp stoves are encouraged for use throughout the Monument.

GROUP SIZE within the Monument interior is limited to 25 persons. If you travel more than 1/4 mile from established parking areas and trailheads, the group size limit is 12. For groups larger than 25, contact one of our Visitor Centers.

RECREATIONAL STOCK is limited to 12 animals in areas where group size is limited to 12 people. All hay used on BLM lands must be certified weed-free. Horses or other pack animals are not allowed in relict plant communities, archaeological sites, rock shelters, or alcoves.

> **GUIDED TRIPS** with professional outfitters are available within the Monument. Check our website or contact one of our Visitor Centers for a complete list of authorized outfitters.



CAMPING along roads highlighted in light green on the reverse side map is permitted in developed or existing camping areas. Along roads highlighted in white, dispersed camping is permitted in previously disturbed or existing camping areas that are no more than 50 feet off the road. Along roads highlighted in tan, camping is permitted in disturbed areas outside the posted boundaries of Wilderness Study Areas. Do not camp at trailheads or disturb vegetation. Contact

one of our Visitor Centers for more information.

OVERNIGHT PERMITS are required within the Monument for all overnight car camping or backpacking. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at any of our Visitor Centers, information kiosks, or at developed trailheads.

FEES are charged for camping at Calf Creek, Deer Creek, and White House campgrounds. In addition, use fees are charged at Calf Creek Recreation Area and the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness Area.

COLLECTION OF OBJECTS such as rocks, petrified wood, fossils, artifacts, and plants is prohibited. The collection of small amounts of fruits and nuts for personal use is allowed.

MOUNTAIN BIKES are allowed on all roads. No cross-country or slick-rock riding is permitted in the Monument.

NON-STREET LEGAL

OHV's, ATV's, and dirt bikes are allowed on roads depicted with a dark blue line on the reverse side map. Access to some roads may require non-street legal vehicles to be hauled in by other transport.

BE PREPARED

PLAN AHEAD when heading into the backcountry. Start with a full gas tank and carry extra food, clothing, and water.

Tell friends where you are going and for how long. Don't travel or hike alone.



WEATHER can change suddenly in the Monument. The rainy season lasts roughly from July - September, with thunderstorms and flash floods.

Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. In winter, snow and subzero temperatures may occur.

ROADS within the Monument are mostly dirt, clay, or gravel. Dirt surface roads are subject to flooding and impassable when wet. High clearance four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Please inquire at the local visitor center for road conditions. Leave gates open or closed as you find them. Respect private property.

All vehicles and bicycles must stay on roads. Driving off road is prohibited. 43 CFR 8341.1 (c)

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BE SAFE

SERVICES AND WATER are generally not available in the Monument. Carry extra water, clothing, and food in case of an emergency. Purify any water obtained from undeveloped sources. Drink at least one gallon of water per person per day, whether you are hiking or driving.

WILDLIFE should not be fed. handled, or harassed, for your safety and health, as well as for theirs. Hunting, fishing, and trapping are allowed on the Monument. These activities are regulated by the Utah Division of Wildlife.



time of year. If potential for storms is high for the region, avoid traveling in narrow canyons. Camp on high ground, away from streambeds. If you find yourself in a flood situation, climb to the highest possible point. Flood conditions usually subside in 8 to 12 hours, but it is possible to be stranded for several days.





RESOURCES FRAGILE

Cryptobiotic Soil is the dark bumpy soil you see in many areas of the Monument. These biological soil crusts consist of cyanobacteria, lichens, mosses, and algae, and they play an important ecological role. They help to stabilize the soil, prevent erosion, fix nitrogen in the soil, and contribute nutrients to other plants. These crusts are particularly

> sensitive to ground disturbance and take a very long time to recover when stepped on. Please avoid walking on these crusts when you see them.

Cultural / Paleontological Sites are protected to preserve the past. Please do your part.

• Leave artifacts and fossils where

- you find them they tell a story. • Fires in sites compromise
- scientific integrity. • Touching pictographs or petroglyphs can damage or destroy them or their dating potential.
- Do not draw, scratch, or paint on rock surfaces.
- Report vandalism to local law enforcement.

CONTACT **INFORMATION**

Escalante Interagency Center 755 West Main Street, Escalante, UT 84726 (435) 826-5499

> **Kanab Visitor Center** 745 East Hwy 89 Kanab, UT 84741 (435) 644-4680

Cannonville Visitor Center 10 Center Street Cannonville, UT 84718 (435) 826-5640

Big Water Visitor Center 100 Upper Revolution Way Big Water, UT 84741 (435) 675-3200

Paria Contact Station HWY. 89, MM 21 New Paria, UT 84741

GSENM Web site: http://www.ut.blm.gov/monument

Check road & weather conditions at our Visitor Centers before traveling into the Monument



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Kane County Sheriff.....(435) 644-2349 Garfield County Sheriff.....(435) 676-2678 Emergency......911



SCENIC DRIVES

HWY 89: Paved road stretching 72 miles between Kanab, UT and Page, AZ. Views of the Vermilion Cliffs and Kaiparowits Plateau. Access to Paria Movie Set.

Scenic Byway - HWY 12: Paved road winding 124 miles from HWY 89 to Torrey, UT. Views of vast slick-rock benches and canyons. Access to Red Canyon, Bryce Canyon National Park, Escalante Petrified Forest State Park, Calf Creek Recreation Area, Dixie National Forest, and Anasazi State Park Museum.

Scenic Backway-Johnson Canyon #501/ Skutumpah Road #500: Paved road traveling north 16 miles from HWY 89 to the #501/ #500 Junction. Dirt road for the next 34 miles heading northeast to Cannonville, UT. Subject to flooding and washouts. Road passes through the cliffs that make up the "Grand Staircase".

Scenic Backway-Cottonwood Road #400: Dirt and clay surface road meandering 46 miles between HWY 89 and Kodachrome Basin State Park. Flash flooding frequently washes out sections of this route. Road follows along the scenic Cockscomb monocline. Access to Grosvenor Arch.

Scenic Backway-Hole-in-the-Rock Road #200: Dirt road reaching southeast for 57 miles one way. Last 6 miles before Hole-in-the-Rock overlook are rough and rocky. Four-wheel drive vehicles required. Highly prone to washouts and flash flooding. Access to Devils Garden.

Scenic Backway-Burr Trail #100: Paved road for the first 31 miles traveling east from Boulder, UT. Road turns to dirt at the Capitol Reef National Park boundary. Highlights include panoramic vistas and sweeping sandstone cliffs. Access to Deer Creek campground.



